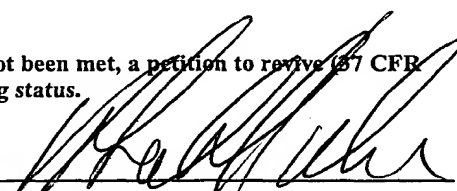


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11. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A FIRST preliminary amendment.  
☐ A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ A substitute specification.
15. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
16. ☒ Other items or information:  
Copy of International Search Report dated May 19, 1999  
Three (3) sheets of drawings  
Cover sheet of WO 99/31197

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	Heinz-Jürgen Mühlen and Christoph Schmid
For	:	METHOD FOR GASIFYING ORGANIC SUBSTANCES AND SUBSTANCE MIXTURE
International Application No.	:	PCT/EP98/08217
International Filing Date	:	December 15, 1998
Priority Application No.	:	197 55 693.0
Priority Filing Date	:	December 16, 1997
Our Docket	:	PS-12772

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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER  
REQUEST FOR COMMENCEMENT OF  
NATIONAL STAGE UNDER 35 USC 371**

Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
Box PCT  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This letter will itemize, summarize and comment on the materials transmitted herewith,  
which relate to the above identified application as follows:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.414, Applicant submits the attached PTO Form 1390 and requests that the United States Patent and Trademark Office, as the United States Elected Office, receive the present Request and the attached copy of the above identified international application and to commence the national stage under 35 USC 371. Pursuant to PTO Form 1390, a copy of the international application as filed has been transmitted by the International Bureau. A duplicate copy is included herewith as are the required filing fees. The Declaration of the inventors, together with the Power of Attorney, is also included.

1. The combined Declaration/Power of Attorney identifies the subject application by its title and claims priority based upon German application DE 197 55 693.0, filed December 16, 1997, and PCT/EP98/08217 filed December 15, 1998.

2. Applicant hereby reiterates and makes a claim of priority of German application DE 197 55 693.0. A certified copy of the priority document is on file with the International Bureau and should have been forwarded to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a designated office. It is believed such actions are sufficient to effect Applicant's claim of priority under 35 USC 365 and 35 USC 119.

3. Also included with this application is a copy of the International Search Report dated May 19, 1999.

4. Three (3) sheets of drawings are included in the application transmitted herewith.

5. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed herewith.

If there are any fees required in connection with the filing of any of the documents submitted herewith which have not been fully paid for by the attached check, you are requested to charge any insufficiency in the fee tendered or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 22-0347.

It is requested that all correspondence between the Patent and Trademark Office and Applicant be had with the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**ENGLISH TRANSLATION**

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a literal English translation of the priority application German DE 197

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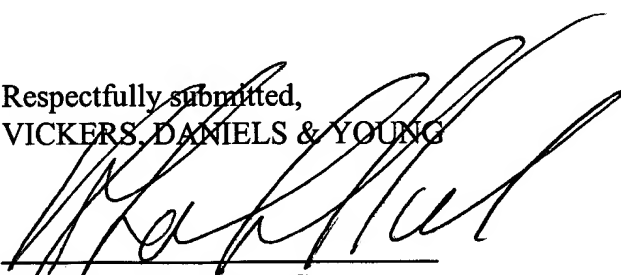
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Dear Sir:

Please place the enclosed three (3) sheets of drawings in the record with regard to the above-identified patent application.

Respectfully submitted,  
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